

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of October 22, 2004 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1-3.

Claims 1-42 are pending, of which claims 1, 13, 23 and 33 are independent. Claims 4-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In the rejection, the Examiner alleged that the feature of "forming at least one semiconductor island" recited in independent claims 4, 23 and 33 is new matter which is not supported in the specification.

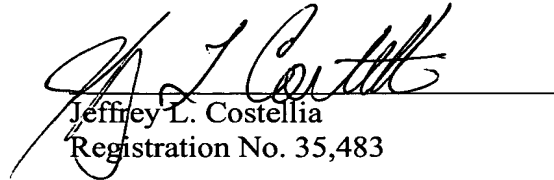
In response to the §112, first paragraph, rejection, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to lines 13-15 on page 16 of the present specification where it is disclosed that "the crystalline silicon films 209a and 209b are patterned so that an active layer (semiconductor film) 210 of a CMOS circuit and an active layer 211 of the pixel TFT are formed". Further support can be found at least in, e.g., Figs. 2A through 3A. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that when at least one semiconductor layer is formed over a substrate, at least one island shape would subsequently be formed.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that, at the time the invention was made, Applicants had possession of the claimed invention, and that at least the above-referenced disclosure in the specification reasonably conveyed the fact to one skilled in the art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 4-42.

Additionally, as previously submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed August 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully note again that the filing date of this instant application, which is shown as June 24, 2003 in all communications received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office thus far, is incorrect. This error on the Office's part has been brought to the attention of the Filing Receipt Corrections branch of the U.S. PTO via facsimile on January 8, 2004. Applicants respectfully request again that the filing date be corrected to June 26, 2003.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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